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## PRESBYTERIANS FOR CLOSER RELATIONS

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AUTHORITIES LIMITED TO DEBATING WORKING PLANS. FOUR CHURCHES INCLUDED IN THE MOVEMENT

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Part from consideration of the overtures committee report to the assembly adopted resolutions of comity between the Southern Presbyterian church and the associated Reformed Presbyterian church and between the Presbyterian church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian churches in the United States.

The resolution on the former that when presbyteries belonging to the two churches overlap they will endeavor through comity committees to divide the territory such way as to prevent their mutual efforts from interfering. Also, it was suggested to encourage the grouping of weak churches belonging to the denomination, unable to support a minister and capable of being grouped with like weak churches of other denominations.

It was proposed further that in areas of 5,000 inhabitants or less where either church is already at work, the other will not enter without conference or agreement that the supreme judiciaries recommend to members that they move into a community where there is no church of their own, they can join for the time being, church of the other.

In the action touching on comity and cooperation of the Presbyterian churches, U. S. A., and in the United States, the report adopted proposed that the two assemblies urge their respective presbyteries and synods to make every effort to settle all cases of comity locally before appealing to the comity committees of the assemblies and urged the mission agencies of the conference of reformed churches by which these agencies shall endeavor to do together wherever practicable mission work they are now doing separately.

The report recommended further that a permanent committee on comity should be appointed or else the powers of such committee be given to the executive committee of the missions or to a subcommittee thereof in order that a permanent continuing policy may be adopted and prompt action obtained whenever necessary.

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## COOPER BEGINS DUTIES ON BOARD

### FORMER GOVERNOR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE—TREASURER MELLON AND A NUMBER OF OTHER DISTINGUISHED FOLK PRESENT

Washington, May 23.—Former Gov. Robert A. Cooper of South Carolina was sworn in as a member of the federal farm loan board this morning.

A distinguished company witnessed the simple ceremony. In addition to Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury and his numerous assistants, the following were present: Mrs. Cooper, Senator and Mrs. N. B. Dial, W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board; Eugene Meyer, Jr. and Angus McLean of the war finance corporation and Charles E. Lobdell and W. H. Joyce of the federal farm loan board.

As soon as the oath was administered and Mr. Cooper had been congratulated the new official repaired to his office and began his new career.

Charles S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' National Union, for publication tomorrow morning, issued a statement setting forth the variety of farmer representation the farmers' organ desired and insisted upon to serve on boards dealing directly or indirectly with agriculture.

It was a protest against the kind of farmer representation which the administration up to the present was accorded. It was an intimation that all "dirt" farmers sometimes were farmers only in a side line significance. While the statement had no direct bearing on the appointment of Mr. Cooper, it was regarded as significant that it was released for publication just after Mr. Cooper had undertaken his new duties.

Mr. Barrett, it is said, desired the berth to fill which the president named Mr. Cooper. His friends advocated his appointment and it was published that he stood an excellent chance of landing the job. The president, in nominating Mr. Cooper, gave as one reason for the selection the fact that in addition to other professions, Mr. Cooper was a "dirt" farmer.

### CARRYING THE PETITION

Mayor Mars and Chief Johnson In Charge of Petition

Mayor Mars and Chief Johnson have again shown their unselfish interest in public school affairs and the latter is busy finishing the circulation of the petition calling for two mills special tax for the city schools. The Chief reports that he is meeting with considerable success and finding no great opposition. No election of teachers for next session can be held until this petition is either signed or the project abandoned. The latter will not be done so long as there is a ray of hope left that public spirited citizens will come to the aid of their schools.

The registration books will be open in Capt. Perrin's office in the court house the first Monday in June, which is the 5th, and an opportunity will be given all electors a chance to secure their registration certificates, necessary to vote in the tax election or to secure duplicate certificates in lieu of ones lost.

### GOES TO ANNAPOLIS

Miss Judith Hill leaves Friday to join Mrs. Frank B. Gary at Richmond, Va., and from there they will go to Annapolis to attend the graduating exercises. Frank Gary, Jr., will finish this year and Mrs. Gary and Miss Hill will be the recipients of many social attentions while there.

## COMMENCEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 2

### IN THE OPERA HOUSE, BEGINNING AT 8:30 P. M.—TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS IN GRADUATING CLASS—REV. R. C. GRIER, OF ERSKINE COLLEGE WILL MAKE ADDRESS.

Definite announcement regarding the high school commencement exercises was made at school today. The exercises will be held in the Opera House at 8:30 the evening of June 2. President R. C. Grier of Erskine College will make the address to the graduating class. The following order of class exercises will be carried out:

Salutatory ----- Maria Neuffer.  
Class Poem ----- Gilbert Nabers  
Class Grumbler ----- Billy Long  
MUSIC.

Class History ----- Cecelia Chalmers  
Class Prophecy ----- Jack Bradley  
Class Appreciation ----- George Smith  
MUSIC.

Class Will ----- Bill Cox  
Valedictory ----- Ada Faulkner

Following the valedictory President Grier will make his address after which the diplomas will be given the 25 students who have satisfactorily completed the eleventh grade. Those who will receive State Diplomas are: Ada Faulkner, Elizabeth Thomson, Maria Neuffer, Hilda Syfan, Cecelia Chalmers, Ruth Coleman, Gladys Braezeale, Lillian Grubb, Ida McCord, Addie Bowen, Lula Mann.

Emmie Haigler, John Klugh, Francis Glenn, William Cox, George Smith, Austin Roche, Gilbert Nabers, Jack Bradley, Edwin Barksdale, Frederic Minshall, William Long, Allen Long, and Bruce Galloway. Miss Minnie Jackson, who has been in the Abbeville high school only two years, but who has satisfactorily completed a part of the eleventh grade course of study, will receive a certificate admitting her to college.

This is by double the largest class ever graduated from the local high school, and it is a source of genuine satisfaction and pleasure that the superintendent, principal, and other teachers feel in graduating such a large class of excellent students. The work of the present eleventh grade has been quite satisfactory, as a whole, and it is to be hoped that all of them will make opportunities to further pursue their education in higher institutions. The State Board of Education has ruled that graduates of A1 accredited schools in the state, Abbeville's among the number, shall be issued diplomas, which with six weeks at a recognized summer school, will entitle them to a first grade teacher's certificate.

## TRIO TO DIE ON JUNE SIXTEENTH

### Kirby, Fox and Gappins Resentenced Tuesday in Lexington for Murder of Brazell.

Columbia, May 23.—June sixteen was fixed as the new date for the electrocution of S. J. Kirby, C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, the trio convicted of the murder of William Brazell, Columbia taxie driver, who were resented in the court at Lexington at noon today.

The men appeared without counsel, but under heavy guard, taken in automobiles from the penitentiary in Columbia to the Lexington court room, 12 miles away. Each said he had not had a fair trial and Gappins, who claimed not to be guilty of taking part in the murder, asked that he be allowed to live as long as possible.

Following the sentencing the men were brought back to Columbia and lodged again in the death house.

The crime for which the men were convicted caused a sensation over two states last fall. On the witness stand the three confessed to the whole affair. They gave notice of appeal and their execution, originally set for October 21, was postponed automatically. Gappins' appeal alone was perfected, but the supreme court recently threw it out as being without merit.

The execution date for the trio follows by one day the date for the execution of F. M. Jeffords and Ira Harrison, who are sentenced to die on June 15 for the murder of J. C. Arnette.

### GREENVILLE VISITOR.

Ernest Wilson of the Greenville News was in town today on a visit to relatives. He was accompanied down by Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is now in charge of the composing room of the Greenville News and has made good in his chosen profession. He began his career in the Press and Banner office under Mr. Hugh Wilson and stands high in the printing world.

### Caldwell Agnew Graduates

Mrs. John T. Evans and Mr. G. C. Douglass went over to Greenville last night to attend the exercises at B. M. I. Caldwell Agnew, a cousin, graduated this year.

## COTTON EXPORTS FOR APRIL DOUBLED

### Increase of More Than Thirty Million Dollars in Month—Cloths Show An Increase

Washington, May 23.—Cotton exports during April nearly doubled as compared with the same month last year, according to foreign trade reports issued today by the Commerce Department.

During April exports of cotton aggregated 5998,209 bales worth \$55,898,116 compared with 319,933 bales worth \$20,543,657 in April 1921, while for the ten months ended with April the total was 5,581,365 bales worth \$497,987,523 as against 4,436,123 bales worth \$539,026,657 during the months last year.

Cotton cloths exported during the month 51,642,030 square yards worth \$7,247,136 compared with 36,771,768 square yards worth \$5,036,748 in April a year ago, while for the ten months period the total was 489,830,281 square yards worth \$60,109,360 as compared with 468,221,960 square yards worth \$131,055,826.

### COOPERATIVE OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Abbeville County branch of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association held in the court house yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: J. S. Stark, Chairman; W. E. Leslie, Vice Chairman, and R. E. Cox, Secretary.

An executive committee is composed of a member from each township in the county: O. S. Cochran, Abbeville; W. P. Wham, Cedar Springs; E. A. Patterson, Diamond Hill; E. W. Harper, Lowndesville; John T. Stokes, Magnolia; J. R. Lomax, Long Cane; Ernest Hagen, Due West; C. R. Cromer, Smithville and J. R. Pruitt, Donalds.

The following members were elected to represent this County at the District meeting to be held in Aiken, on May 30: J. M. Nickles, M. P. McCalla, J. P. Anderson and Robert Pruitt.

At the meeting yesterday the delegates attending the Aiken meeting in May were authorized to endorse J. S. Stark as a Director of the Association.

## AMERICAN AID STRICKEN EUROPE

### CHANCE TO PLAY ROLE OF GOOD SAMARITAN— VOICES HOPE IN FAREWELL SPEECH THAT COUNTRY MAY YET ENTER LEAGUE

New York, May 23.—Lady Nancy Astor in a farewell speech before returning to her job in the house of commons from a visit of six weeks in her native land pleaded tonight for America to be the good Samaritan to suffering Europe and not stand by unconcerned. She repeated her appeal for the United States to enter the league of nations or a league with similar aims for peace.

Nearly 2,000 men and women heard her address, delivered at a dinner given in her honor by the League for Political Education. Lady Astor made a short talk after she had finished. Speeches were delivered by John W. Davis, former ambassador to the court of St. James' and Miss Alice Robertson, congresswoman from Oklahoma.

Selecting "Political Education" as her topic, Lady Astor said that while America constantly had suffered from politicians or political crooks, "we have managed that no party has ever dared nominate or bring forward any man but an honest man for president."

"They haven't all been Sir Galahads or George Washingtons or Abraham Lincolns," she added, "but they had all been like Caesar's wife—above suspicion. That we may recall with pride.

Then she remarked that people were so "apt to feel indifferent about local politics," "that so long as the taxes don't go too high and the local 'houses' don't get too rich we shrug our soldiers and go on."

"If we are content only to have our presidents fine and to have less fine local politicians, we are making it awfully hard for a president to do fine things," she said.

Lady Astor said she was not so sure that Europe needs America's money, but she was convinced that Europe needs America's moral help.

"I'm not concerned to say whether the United States should join the league of nations, as it exists; this is a question of comparatively small detail; but I am convinced that America can help Europe enormously in ways which will commend themselves to all clear and kind thinking Americans if they want to do so."

### NEW SCHOOL BEGUN

Contractor Van Ormer Begins Work on High School Building.

Scenes of considerable activity on the Cabell lot on Chestnut street were noted yesterday. Actual work has been begun on the new High School building by the contractor, H. C. Van Ormer of Augusta. The building has been located, corners staked off, excavation begun, and material is being rapidly placed on the ground. Mr. Van Ormer has stated to interested parties that it may be possible for him to complete the building by October 15.

### WILL ATTEND PAGEANT.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Peele, Miss Alice Hornsby, Rev. J. B. Kilgore and Vernon Peele will go over to Greenwood tomorrow afternoon to see the great historical pageant which will be given at Lander College Thursday and Friday evenings.

### AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. L. D. Gillepie of Spartanburg Sunday School Field Secretary for the upper South Carolina Conference will preach in the Methodist church Sunday morning and at Grace Church on South Main street Sunday evening.

## BAPTISTS CONDEMN VENGANCE BY MOB

### FAILURE TO GIVE TRIAL UNDERMINES LAW— CONVENTION CALLS ON WILL HAYS TO CLEAN UP MOVING PICTURE BUSINESS

Jacksonville, May 23.—Mob rule was denounced at the closing session of the Southern Baptist convention here today both by speakers and in the adoption of the report of its commission on social service which declared, that every person charged with crime is entitled to a fair trial and that "any other procedure is mob rule and if adopted generally will ultimately undermine and overthrow everything we hold dear."

"We can not too strongly urge upon our pastors and churches the importance of not becoming allied with or giving approval and support to any movement or organization which violates or tends to violate these sacred and fundamental principles," continued the report. There was no specific reference to any organization either in the report or in debate.

The report requested of President Harding that the government cooperate in taking steps against Turkish atrocities in the Near East, pointing out that Great Britain requested such cooperation from other countries. Race track gambling the modern dance and violation of the Sabbath came in for expressions of disapproval in the report, which also asked a strict censorship of each state for motion pictures and voiced the hope that Will H. Hays will "exercise what is supposed to be his great power for a thorough clean up in the whole picture business."

William Jennings Bryan was invited to address the convention in Kansas City next year and Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the convention was named to head the delegation to the Stockholm Baptist conference in July, 1923. The convention also instructed its committee on hospitals to report next year what is being done towards religious training of student nurses in Baptist hospitals.

Other resolutions stated, "We express our appreciation of full reports on the convention sent throughout the country by the general news agencies and especially thanks of the body be extended to the Associated Press."

### DEATH OF MRS. REBECCA WARE

Mrs. Rebecca Ware died at her home in the Level Land section Tuesday, May the 23rd and was buried this afternoon at the Shiloh burying ground. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. W. Duckworth at Shiloh church at 2 o'clock and interment was immediately after.

Mrs. Ware was in her 76th year, and was the mother of a large family of children. She is survived by the following sons: Messrs. Charley, Robert, Clyde, James and one daughter, Mrs. Jim Evans. She was preceded in death by her husband, and one daughter, Mrs. Campbell, died last year in the Anderson Hospital.

Mrs. Ware was a christian woman widely known and respected in her community, and will be missed.

### COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 20 cents on the local market today. Futures closed

May	21.15
July	20.29
October	20.06
December	19.99
January	19.88

Futures closed yesterday

May	21.32
July	20.07
October	19.91
December	19.84
January	19.72